

To: Rudy, Michael[Rudy.Mike@epa.gov]
From: McCaffrey, Shawn
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 10:53:07 PM
Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

No doubt, wow.

From: Rudy, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:52 PM
To: McCaffrey, Shawn
Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Hot: This will probably effect Jean's sites.

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From: Sisk, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:54 PM

To: Land, Kelcey; Madigan, Andrea; Urdiales, Aaron; Rudy, Michael
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All - FYI

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All,

I will be on a call with Jim Woolford and the other 9 regions at 2:30p to get a clarification as to which activities can continue and which need to temporarily cease. I'll let you know what I find out. This could impact a lot of our projects.

Bill

From: McGrath, Shaun

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:40 AM

To: Hestmark, Martin; Murray, Bill; Vranka, Joe; DalSoglio, Julie; Stavnes, Sandra

Cc: Thomas, Deb; Card, Joan

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Shaun

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Subject: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Good morning everyone,

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.

Thank you.